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**Healthcare Subcommittee Meeting
February 3, 2016
2:15 p.m.
Room 110 - Blatt Building**

ARCHIVED VIDEO AVAILABLE

- I. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Citizens' Interests," then click on "House Legislative Oversight Committee Postings and Reports." Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

MINUTES

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings. It is the practice of the House Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes, which are not verbatim accounts of such meetings, for its Subcommittee meetings.
- II. The Healthcare Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Subcommittee Chair Nathan Ballentine on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, in Room 516 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present when the meeting was called to order: Subcommittee Chair Ballentine, Representative Mia McLeod, Representative Walton J. McLeod, and Representative Bill Taylor.
- III. Representative McLeod moved to approve the Subcommittee minutes from its meeting on November 23, 2015. A roll call vote was held, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Rep. McLeod's Motion to approve the Subcommittee Minutes from Nov. 23, 2015	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Chair Ballentine	✓		
Rep. Mia McLeod	✓		
Rep. Walton McLeod	✓		
Rep. Taylor	✓		

- IV. This was the sixth meeting with the Department of Social Services (DSS) held to focus on agency responses to subcommittee inquiries, agency-suggested law changes, agency recommendations, and a timeline for implementation of those recommendations. Representative Ballentine reviewed the progress and actions of the subcommittee and requested that staff review the recommendations of the Subcommittee. He then reminded those present that all testimony must be given under oath, but that there are options to anonymously provide comment to the subcommittee.
- V. Representative Ballentine explained that the Subcommittee would hear testimony from the Inspector General, followed by DSS staff. All those testifying were sworn in as a group. The italicized notation is the approximate start time for each person on the archived video (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>).
- VI. Inspector General Maley provided testimony about the Office of the Inspector General's investigation of inappropriate overtime policies at the Lexington County DSS office. He stated that it was driven by low staffing levels and while management did not pressure caseworkers to work overtime, they did it because they were conscientious about their work. He also stated that there was a disconnect between county management and state office management. He concluded his testimony with a statement that the agency is on the right path to resource correctly and build accountability.
- VII. State Director Alford opened the testimony from the Department of Social Services and then subcommittee members proceeded with asking questions of DSS staff. Deputy State Director Taron Davis responded to questions about the process to become a licensed foster setting and the support that families receive after becoming licensed. She testified about the agency's new process which will split foster licensing and support, so that applicants have caseworkers dedicated solely to getting them licensed. Ms. Davis also testified about Parent Advocacy groups and domestic violence training for DSS staff.
- VIII. Following agency testimony, Representative Walt McLeod made a motion for the Subcommittee's Report to include a recommendation for all of the agency programs to continue. All present voted yea.

Rep. Walt McLeod's Motion to include a recommendation for all of the agency programs to continue.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Chair Ballentine	✓		
Rep. Mia McLeod	✓		
Rep. Walton McLeod	✓		
Rep. Taylor			✓ (note present)

IX. Representative Mia McLeod’s Motion made a motion for staff to draft a Subcommittee Report incorporating this Subcommittee’s actions taken over the course of the study.

Rep. Mia McLeod’s Motion for staff to draft a Subcommittee Report incorporating this Subcommittee’s actions taken over the course of the study.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Chair Ballentine	✓		
Rep. Mia McLeod	✓		
Rep. Walton McLeod	✓		
Rep. Taylor			✓ (note present)

X. Representative Ballentine made that the subcommittee would provide written statements about the report to staff. After discussion, Representative Walt McLeod made a motion to reconsider and Representative Mia McLeod made a motion to table the motion to reconsider.

Rep. Ballentine’s motion for the subcommittee to provide written statements about the report to staff by 5 p.m. on February 11.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Chair Ballentine	✓		
Rep. Mia McLeod	✓		
Rep. Walton McLeod	✓		
Rep. Taylor			✓ (note present)

Rep. Walt McLeod’s Motion to reconsider the motion to provide statements about the report to staff by 5 p.m. on February 11.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Chair Ballentine	✓		
Rep. Mia McLeod	✓		
Rep. Walton McLeod	✓		
Rep. Taylor			✓ (note present)

Rep. Mia McLeod’s Motion to table the motion to reconsider.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Chair Ballentine	✓		
Rep. Mia McLeod	✓		
Rep. Walton McLeod	✓		
Rep. Taylor			✓ (note present)

XI. Subcommittee Chair Ballentine stated that the Healthcare Subcommittee would reconvene to inquire further into domestic violence training for DSS staff and thanked the agency staff for making themselves available for questions.

VII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.